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Modified scheme of elementary education.

* 165 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the South Indian Estates' Labour Union or any other public organization requesting the Government to re-introduce the modified scheme of elementary education in any area of the State;

(*b*) if so, the nature of the representation made; and

(*c*) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

Nilambur-Kovilagam Forests in Malabar.

* 166 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri K. C. Gopalan Unni): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to take over the private forests in Nilambur belonging to Nilambur-Kovilagam in Malabar district;

(*b*) if so, when the proposal will be implemented; and

(*c*) whether the Government have any similar proposal to take over any other private forests in Malabar district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have under consideration the question of taking over the control of the Nilambur Kovilagam forests and some other private forests in Malabar district."

Construction of a dam across the Chittari River at Mukkund, South Kanara.

* 167 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have examined the proposal to construct a dam to the Chittari River at Mukkund in Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district, to prevent entry of salt water?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" No."

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" There are about 200 acres of paddy lands affected by salt water entering the fields. Will the Government please investigate the matter and put up a dam? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It is under investigation. The investigation is in a very rudimentary stage but no representations have been made so far in the matter. So, nothing can be said about the usefulness of the scheme now."